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SUBJECT: FRENCH VIEWS ON LOS ISSUES

REFS: (A) GENEVA 3404; (B) STATE 140400; AND

(C) STATE 139420.

1. FRENCH DEPUTY LOS NEGOTIATOR ROGER JEANNEL (LEGAL DIVISION, MFA) TOLD US JUNE 18 THAT FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR LIMITED MEMBERSHIP LOS TREATIES FLOATED BY DELACHARRIERRE IN GENEVA (REF A) WAS NOT YET OFFICIAL GOF POLICY, BUT HE EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD SOON BECOME SUCH. HE SAID THAT GOF DOES NOT BELIEVE COMPREHENSIVE LOS CONVENTION POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE IN NEAR FUTURE (THOUGH IT POSSIBLE IN TIME) AND THAT GOF SEEKING MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS AND THOSE OF OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN SPECIFIC FIELDS, WHILE AT SAME TIME LEAVING DOOR OPEN TO BROADER SETTLEMENT WHEN AND IF POSSIBLE. DELACHARRIERRE'S PROPOSAL HAS BEEN FORWARDED FOR GOF POLITICAL-LEVEL CLEARANCE, JEANNEL SAID, WHICH HE EXPECTED WILL BE GIVEN SOON AS THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO ADMINISTRATIVE OR POLITICAL PRESSURE TO THE CONTRARY. JEANNEL NOTED THAT MFA FEELS THIS APPROACH SHOULD COMPLEMENT LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT REPLACE THEM. COMMENT: GOF'S ALREADY LOW

ENTHUSIASM FOR COMPREHENSIVE LOS CONVENTION WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY DIMINISH FURTHER OVER NEXT MONTHS IF THIS
PROPOSED NEGOTIATING STRATEGY ADOPTED.

2. JEANNEL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROPOSED ARTICLE 53
TALKS ON EAST PACIFIC FISHERIES ARRANGEMENT (REF C)
AND SAID GOF WOULD BE READY TO PARTICIPATE. NOTING
THAT THIS APPROACH FIT IN WITH CURRENT FRENCH THINKING,
HE SAID GOF BELIEVED SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE
LAUNCHED FOR BROAD RANGE OF NORTH ATLANTIC FISHERIES
QUESTIONS.

3. JEANNEL AGREED TO CONTINUATION OF EVENSEN GROUP
INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS (REF B) AND WITH USG DESIRE TO
AVOID DISCUSSION ON STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGOS. HE SAID
HE WOULD PREFER TALKS TO BE HELD IN EUROPE, PROBABLY
GENEVA.

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